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EPIDERMIS/SKIN EQUIVALENT)
COMPRISING A CERAMIDE 7 AND)
/OR 5.5 AND LIPID LAMELLAR)
VESICULAR COMPOSITIONS)
COMPRISING CERAMIDE 7)
AND/OR 5.5 COMPOUNDS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to the above-identified patent application to read as follows:

“RECONSTRUCTED EPIDERMIS/SKIN EQUIVALENT COMPRISING A CERAMIDE 7 AND /OR 5.5 AND LIPID LAMELLAR VESICULAR COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING CERAMIDE 7 AND/OR 5.5 COMPOUNDS”